

Local Man Among 63 Dead

Airliner Explosion a Mystery

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TELL CITY, Ind., March 18 (UPI) — Aviation experts trudged through a land of horror today to investigate the mysterious explosion of a Northwest Airlines passenger plane which sent 63 persons plunging 18,000 feet to a fiery death.

Investigators from the FBI Civil Aeronautics Board and Northwest Airlines looked for any sign the \$2,400,000 turbojet Electra may have been destroyed by a bomb.

One of the dead was Chitohki Ikeda, 39, 6516 17th St. Cabin John, Md.

Mr. Ikeda was a research consultant for the Army's branch of the Pentagon's Military Joint Operations Group. However, he was on loan to the International Association of Chiefs of Police and was assigned as a courtesy escort for Masami Nakamura, an official of the National Police Agency of Japan, also killed in the crash.

Mr. Ikeda, a Government employe since 1954, served as a U. S. Army civilian in Japan from September, 1955, to January of this year.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and a 12-year-old son.

The chance of bomb sabotage was raised after a man telephoned Chicago police to report a bomb on a plane at Midway Airport. The call came a few hours after the doomed airliner took off from Chicago for Miami yesterday.

However, police turned up nothing. The caller could not be traced.



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